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Comments: My name is Jeremy Ellis. I, along with my five siblings grew up in the Chugach National Forest in Cooper Landing for more than the first decade of my life. My Father was a prospector then gold miner who provided for the family in the creeks that flow through the CNF for over 20 years and he shared his love of the area and the outdoors with me. I support many things about the forest because I still am involved with the Forest to this day. Gold Mining on our family mining claims, snowmobiling, hiking, exploring and just enjoying the beauty of the Kenai Peninsula on trips south. I support increased opportunities for motorized recreation in the CNF, including summer usage. I support the use of responsibly developing timber resources in the Forest. I support gold mining for both commercial and recreational in the Forest, after all that pre-dates the creation of the CNF. I also support recreational activities like hiking, berry picking, boating, hunting, all in the Forest. I dont support Wilderness designation except in very rare circumstances because it will shut the public out of the land. I believe we have too much land in Alaska and the rest of the United States that is closed off and can never be utilized again. There is a lot of forest, and a lot of people that love the land just as much as I do. Its a balance but allowing people to use the area is the best method of preserving it for future generations. Thank You.

Jeremy